

Portsmouth School Committee Minutes

June 14, 2005

Public Session

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Twaddle, at 7:08 PM. The following members were present:

Dr. Roy Twaddle, Chair

Mr. Terrence Kavanagh, V. Chair

Ms. Sylvia Wedge

Mr. Douglas Wilkey, Clerk

Mrs. Terri Cortvriend

Ms. Karen Gleason

Mr. David Croston

Also Present: Timothy Ryan, Colleen Jermain, Cynthia Brown, Rick Updegrove, Patti Cofield, Julia Beebe, and Julie Monteiro.

1. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

A motion was made by Mr. Kavanagh and seconded by Ms. Gleason to present the Certificate of Appreciation to Julia Beebe for being the Portsmouth High School liaison to the School Committee for the 2004-05 school year. So voted 7-0.

2. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Supt Ryan reported on recent events and activities. He announced that a reception will be held on June 15th for staff to meet Dr. Lusi. The Public Hearing on the budget is scheduled for June 21st at PMS. The Town Council will take final action on the budget on June 27th. Mr. Ryan introduced the new high school liaison to the School Committee, Julie Monteiro.

a) Teaching and Learning: Asst. Supt. Jermain reported that the professional development schedule is in draft form and will be sent to the Union for teachers next year. There will be more training on GLEs and GSEs in August and September; NECAP assessments will take place in October.

b) Finance and Operations: Mrs. Brown had nothing to report at this time.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Kavanagh and seconded by Mrs. Cortvriend to approve the minutes of the meeting held May 24, 2005. So voted 7-0.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

a) Teacher Resignation. The Superintendent recommends adoption of the following resolution, “that the School Committee accepts the resignation of Jayne A. Conway from the position of Social Studies teacher at Portsmouth High School, effective immediately.”

b) Teacher Resignation. The Superintendent recommends adoption of the following resolution, “that the School Committee accepts the resignation of Jennifer A. Fraser from the position of Modern Language teacher at Portsmouth High School, effective June 17, 2005.”

c) Director of Volunteers Resignation. The Superintendent recommends adoption of the following resolution, “that the School Committee accepts the resignation of Theresa M. Fogerty from the position of Director of Volunteers, effective June 17, 2005.”

d) Appt. – General School Aide, Hathaway. The Superintendent recommends adoption of the following resolution, "that the School Committee affirms the Superintendent’s appointment, Recommendation #1-6/14/05, to the position of General School Aide at Hathaway School, effective May 16, 2005.”

e) Appt. – Department Chairs, PHS. The Superintendent recommends adoption of the following resolution, “that the School Committee approves the Department Chair ap-pointments at Portsmouth High

School for the 2005-06 school year, as listed.”

A motion was made by Mr. Kavanagh and seconded by Mr. Croston to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. So voted 7-0. Supt. Ryan announced the following appointments:

- Rhys Payton, General School Aide at Hathaway School**
- Diane Creese, Applied Arts**
- Camille Frankel, English**
- Kristen Heynan, Fine Arts**
- Margaret Prior, Mathematics**
- Suzette Almeida-Louro, Modern language**
- Michael Medeiros, Physical Education**
- Jeffrey Schoonover, Science**
- James Betres, Social Studies**
- J. Peter Dugan, Special Education**

6. BUSINESS AGENDA

a) Appt. – Literacy Coordinator, Full-Time. A motion was made by Mr. Kavanagh and seconded by Mr. Croston to affirm the Superintendent’s appointment, Recommendation #2-6/14/05, to the position of Literacy Coordinator, full-time, for the 2005-06 school year. So voted 7-0. Supt. Ryan announced the appointment of Denise Dvorak to this position.

b) Appt. – Literacy Coordinator, Half-Time. A motion was made by Mr. Kavanagh and seconded by Mrs. Cortvriend to affirm the Superintendent's appointment, Recommendation #3-6/14/05, to the position of Literacy Coordinator, half-time, for the 2005-06 school year. Supt. Ryan announced the appointment of Amy Trudeau to this position.

c) Recision of Teacher Non-Renewals. A motion was made by Mr. Kavanagh and seconded by Mr. Croston to rescind the non-renewal of Teacher G-2/8/05, and recall to a Modern Language teaching position at Portsmouth High School, effective 8/29/05. So voted 7-0.

d) 2004-05 Budget Adjustments/Update. The Superintendent recommends adoption of the following resolution, "that the School Committee approves the 2004-05 budget adjustments, as presented." Supt. Ryan removed this item from the agenda. It will be presented at the July meeting.

e) Request for Approval – Gate Receipt Expenditure for AEDs. A motion was made by Mr. Kavanagh and seconded by Mrs. Cortvriend to authorize the expenditure of \$2,250 from the Gate Receipt account to purchase two Automatic External Defibrillators for the Portsmouth High School campus. So voted 7-0.

f) Nomenclature Change – Asst. Supt. Contract. A motion was made by Mr. Kavanagh and seconded by Mrs. Cortvriend to approve

the nomenclature changes to the Assistant Superintendent's contract. So voted 7-0.

7. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Finance. Ms. Wedge reported that the Public Hearing on the budget will be held at Portsmouth Middle School on Tuesday, June 21st, at 7:00 PM.

b) Buildings and Grounds. Mr. Kavanagh had nothing to report at this time. He is in the process of scheduling the next meeting.

c) Negotiations.

1) Ratification of NEA Contract. A motion was made by Mr. Kavanagh and seconded by Mrs. Cortvriend to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to R.I. Law 42-46-5, Exceptions (a) (1) Personnel Matters; and (a) (2) Collective Bargaining and/or Litigation. So voted 7-0.

Public Session recessed at 7:12 PM and resumed at 7:42 PM.

Dr. Twaddle announced that the NEA Contract was discussed in Executive Session, and no votes were taken. A motion was made by Mr. Kavanagh and seconded by Mr. Wilkey to seal the minutes of the Executive Session. So voted 7-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Kavanagh and seconded by Mrs. Cortvriend to ratify the contract with NEA Portsmouth as presented. So voted 6-0-1. Ms. Gleason abstained.

Supt. Ryan announced that an agreement was reached on the 3-year contract. It calls for a 3.4 percent pay increase for each of the three years, a 10 percent co-pay on health and dental coverage, benefit modifications that have the long-term effect of sustained savings for quality healthcare for the school department and its employees, and includes language that fortifies the district's participation in the Governmental Health Group of Rhode Island in terms of future competitive bidding while guaranteeing comparable coverage for its employees.

2) Request for Extension of Non-Certified Contract – Council 94. A motion was made by Mr. Kavanagh and seconded by Mrs. Cortvriend to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to R.I. Law 42-46-5, Exceptions (a) (1) Personnel Matters; and (a) (2) Collective Bargaining and/or Litigation. So voted 7-0.

Public Session recessed at 7:53 PM and resumed at 8:20 PM.

Dr. Twaddle announced that the Council 94 Contract was discussed in Executive Session, and no votes were taken. A motion was made by Mr. Kavanagh and seconded by Mrs. Cortvriend to seal the

minutes of the Executive Session. So voted 7-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Kavanagh and seconded by Ms. Gleason to approve the extension of the Council 94 contract to include the option year 2006-07. So voted 7-0.

3) Ratification of Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds Contract. A motion was made by Mr. Croston and seconded by Mrs. Cortvriend to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to R.I. Law 42-46-5, Exceptions (a) (1) Personnel Matters; and (a) (2) Collective Bargaining and/or Litigation. So voted 7-0.

Public Session recessed at 9:20 PM and resumed at 10:44 PM.

Dr. Twaddle announced that the contract for the Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds was negotiated in Executive Session, and no votes were taken. A motion was made by Mr. Croston and seconded by Mr. Kavanagh to seal the minutes of the Executive Session. So voted 7-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Kavanagh and seconded by Ms. Gleason to ratify the contract of the Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds as negotiated. So voted 5-2. Ms. Gleason and Dr. Twaddle were opposed.

A motion was made by Mr. Croston and seconded by Mrs. Cortvriend

to adjourn the meeting. So voted 7-0. Public Session adjourned at 10:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patti Cofield

Recording Secretary for

Douglas Wilkey, Clerk